

57. (New) The device according to claim 56 wherein the motion limiting structure comprises a motion stop that cooperates with a first limit stop and a second limit stop.

58. (New) The device according to claim 57 wherein the motion stop extends from the base member.

59. (New) The device according to claim 58 wherein the first limit stop and the second limit stop are disposed on the rotatable dial.

60. (New) The device according to claim 59 wherein the rotatable dial includes a motion limiting groove that forms the first limit stop and the second limit stop.

REMARKS

Claims 34-37 are pending. Claims 1-33, 38 and 39 have been canceled. Claims 40-60 have been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION OF AMENDMENTS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) accompanies this amendment. If the IDS is not in the PTO file when the examiner considers this amendment, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned so that a duplicate copy may be provided.

Claims 34-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Strong (UK 2,135,028). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 34 has been amended to clarify that the finger contact projection is structured to prohibit the extension of a finger between all portions of the finger contact projection and the rotatable dial. The Strong patent discloses a shifting device wherein a handgrip (14) (which the examiner interprets as a finger contact projection) is attached to a rotatable base (40). The handgrip (14) supports a brake lever (22) and, in the embodiment shown in Fig. 7, a clutch mechanism (220) between the handgrip (14) and the rotatable base (40). As shown in Fig. 1, the very purpose of the

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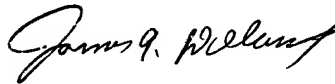
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handgrip (14) is to allow the rider to curl his or her fingers around the grip (and to manipulate the aforementioned structures). Thus, Strong neither discloses nor suggests the presently claimed structure.

As for newly added claims 56-60, Strong neither discloses nor suggests a motion limiting structure that limits a range of rotation of the rotatable base (40) to a predefined arc, wherein the rotatable base moves unobstructively within the predefined arc between a cable pulled position and a cable released position.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection under 35 USC §102 has been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION OF AMENDMENTS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 34 has been amended as follows:

34. (Amended) A bicycle shift control device comprising:

a base member;

a rotatable dial coupled to the base member for rotation around a rotational axis;

a finger contact projection extending from the rotatable dial in a direction of the rotational axis;

wherein the finger contact projection is structured to prohibit the extension of a finger between all portions of the finger contact projection and the rotatable dial; and

a shift element coupler disposed with the rotatable dial.